



# Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council (Tax ID # 42-1749056) General Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Monday March 11, 2019

**LOCATION:** Berryessa Community Center  
3050 Berryessa Road, San José, CA 95132

1. **7:04 PM** Call to Order by President Linda Locke. Attendance 115
2. Minutes by Ty Greaves – approved without modification
3. Treasurer's Report by Susan Fowle – approved without modifications

BEGINNING BAL, Feb 1, 2018	\$3,843.55
Income	_ \$100.00
Expenses:	<u>    \$0.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE Feb 31, 2018	\$3,943.55
4. Law Enforcement Reports

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Report – Sgt. Ulrich reported that our area continues to be safe. The majority of the 124 citations issued were for parking violations along Sierra Road. There were a couple of collisions and two trespass citations. Encouraged the community to report suspicious behavior to 408-299-2377.

San José Police Department Report – Captain Lagorio let the community know that the number of sworn officers has risen to 890, an increase of 75 from this time last year. He noted that there is a 10-20% attrition rate for cadets in the academy and first year on patrol. In the Berryessa area (District William) there has not been any increase in crime, and that our community continues as one of the safest in San José. Question #1 – If there is a gun loss/theft, who reports to the DoJ? The SJPD or SCCSD report automatically.

  - Question #2 – What is the authorized level of SJPD staffing? The authorized level of 1,000 officers is being addressed by two larger academy classes (~60 each), the trend of academy graduates to accept SJPD jobs, and the return of many officers who had opted for jobs elsewhere.
5. Neighborhood Commission – Ms. McClinton did not attend, but President Locke informed the membership that the Commission is working on San José budget priority recommendations. She said the BCAC would provide inputs.
6. President Locke recognized prior Citizens of the Year in attendance (Linda Locke, Ty Greaves, Tyler Shewey, Dave Cortese, Kansen Chu, Lannie Gross, Bob Gross, Marlou Bitcon, and Richard Santos. Ron Appleby was announced as the BCAC 2018 Citizen of the Year and recognized by:
  - US Senator Diane Feinstein – presented by Linda Locke
  - US Congress Member Ro Khanna – presented by Tom Pyke
  - California State Senator Bob Weickowski – presented by Tim Orozco
  - California Assembly Member Kansen Chu (also encouraged nominations for is Hero Awards)
  - Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese
  - San José City Council Member Lan Diep – presented by
  - Santa Clara Valley Water District Director Richard Santos
  - East Side Union School District Board President Pattie Cortese
  - Berryessa Union School District Board President Khoa Nguyen; Board Members Thelma Boac, David Cohen;; and Superintendent Dr. Roxane Fuentes
  - BCAC President Linda Locke and Board Members Eve Pennington, Eric Pennington, Sita Kern, Alkesh Desai, Ty Greaves, Susan FowleRon's recognition citation is attached
7. The Sierramont Middle School Advanced Orchestra performed two concert pieces under the direction of Ms. Loren White.
8. Announcements
  - BCAC Wayfinding Banner Project for 2019 – Susan Fowle, project lead, gave a status update and her expectation that entries would be on display at the April general meeting.
9. Adjournment to cake and companionship at 8:10

Submitted by Ty Greaves, Secretary, BCAC



## **Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council (BCAC) 2018 Citizen of the Year Ron Appleby**

We hope that this evening's acknowledgement of Ron Appleby will help you appreciate the decades of service he has provided and his impact on the Berryessa community. Ron's roots go deep into the land with his Father, Clyde, leading the house band at the Palomar Ballroom, and land near the Hayes Mansion where his Mom was raised. His linkage to our community included local public schools, and, after graduating from James Lick High School, San José City College, and San José State University. After a short period of service with Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA) in Richmond, VA, he returned to the area and worked for and retired from Lucky's (34 years). Ron then earned a teaching credential and taught adult education for 13 years. His teaching skills were recognized when he was awarded the "Excellence in Teaching Award" by the California Council for Adult Education, Mid-Peninsula Chapter.

But if you want to see Ron in our area, look at what you see, and what you don't. What you don't see are graffiti, trash, and weeds:

- Organized 12-person Street Cleanup along 3 blocks of Capitol Ave
- Cleaned the area of garbage at the intersection of Landess and Capitol
- Cleaned the debris and waste in the culvert that borders the CVS/Safeway Shopping Center
- Painted over many "charming" local graffiti as a member of the Clean San José Team
- Collects trash wherever he goes and has enrolled his family in the effort – Ron's 5-year old grandchild picked up trash and put it in the only container nearby...his Mom's purse
- Participated in several Penitencia Creek clean-up projects

What you do see are trees and art. Ron has been the "Johnny Appleseed" of Berryessa, but rather than apple tree, Ron plants trees that are adapted to our climate. And his membership in the Berryessa Art Council nurtures local artists. Ron works in collage and has given multiple classes in the area.

- Purchased, planted, and nurtured the 20 date palms that grace the Sierra Road median
- Purchased and planted trees at Cherrywood Elementary – since the school's hose couldn't reach them Ron and Nancy schlepped buckets of water to ensure their survival
- Planted dozens of trees between the sidewalk and roadways in the Berryessa area
- Worked with the San José City Forest to replace trees unnecessarily removed during the solar panel installation at Cherrywood Elementary
- Been a vigilant protector of area trees, by ensuring that removals are justified and permitted
- Organized the display of original art at the San José Main Library as well as the Berryessa Community Center that included many of his whimsical creations (You must see his [Mona Lisa](#), featuring Lisa Simpson, that hangs on the Community Center walls.)

Ron's service to community also includes

- Over a decade of leadership on the Berryessa Citizen's Advisory Council Board – including Vice-President
- Leadership of a community outreach effort, Love INC, that matched people willing to help others with members of the community in need
- Researched San José's Photo Archives to document a "History of Berryessa Presentation" to the community
- Generated a remembrance display for Bill Hughes, one of the BCAC founders

Ron is drawn to beauty and has repeatedly acted to make Berryessa a great place to live. Thank you, Ron.

We of the BCAC; his wife, Nancy; and his family invite you to join us in celebrating Ron's decades of service.

And we encourage you to contribute some of your many skills in service to our community.